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For: ELECTRICAL INSULATING VAPOR GROWN CARBON FIBER AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING THE SAME, AND USE THEREOF

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

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One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

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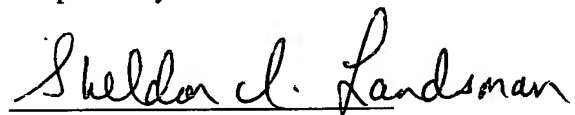
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